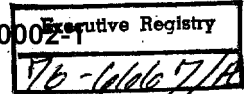


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Mr. John Causten Currey
Editorials
The Daily Oklahoman-Oklahoma City Times
The Oklahoma Publishing Company
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125

Dear Mr. Causten Currey:

Many thanks for your letter and for the enclosed cartoon which was singularly appropriate. I would love to have the original and would be most grateful to Jim Lange.

When I was in Dallas recently I found things a little more placid than the conditions you describe, but that sort of sentiment undoubtedly exists.

At the request of Senators Bartlett and Bellmon I will be back in Oklahoma City on the 13th to talk to some student group (Senator's Conference with Youth) with which they want me to meet. If I get away for any length of time, I will give you a ring.

With every good wish,

Faithfully,

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Vernon A. Walters
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Dear General Walters:

Just checked with our editorial cartoonist, Jim Lange, and find that he has saved the original of the enclosed cartoon which ran on Jan. 11. If you have any use for it, it is yours for the asking, but he hesitates to send it unless you do want it.

I have just returned from a brief speaking tour of North Texas, and found the climate in Dallas to be much more ultra-conservative than when I last spoke there. While most of those who reacted after the talks were interested, many complimentary, and in most cases asked sensible questions, I ran into several nests of really vicious anti-Jewish feeling, and one man called me a Kissinger-lover because I did not come down hard enough on the Secretary of State to suit him. All in all, I should say that the mood is moved pretty far to the right.

My subject, in each case, was the explosive situation in the Middle East, and I concentrated on Lebanon. One of the points I tried to make was that it is not Christian vs. Moslem as much as it is Marxist vs. anti-Marxist. One Dallas retired oil man said to say such a thing was a diversion; that he knows

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from personal on-the-scene experience that the Jews have made it impossible for Christians and Moslems to live in peace in Lebanon, and that Marxists are only incidental to the show.

When was he there last? In 1940. Does he speak any of the local languages--Arabic, French, Hebrew? Of course not. Why was he there in 1940? With our State Department. Did he personally know any of the present-day Lebanese? No, but when he was there they did not count for much--he knew the people who ran the country--mostly French and British in those days, you know. The fact is the Lebanese could never run a country and should not have been released from the French Mandate.

If such a character were to appear on a television show--fictional--I would judge that the author had overdrawn his case. But this one was living, prosperous, apparently educated, and present at a large luncheon.

Very much enjoyed the chance to visit with you after your recent Rotary Club speech here. Charles Bennett, our executive editor, had planned to be at both the talk and the get-together, but had to miss because of some administrative crisis here at the paper. He asked me to express his regrets.

If you would like the original of this cartoon, please drop Jim a line--or me--and it will be on its way. It is about 11"x 12.5" before matting.

JCC.
John Causten Currey
Editorials

THE SUNDAY OKLAHOMAN, Jan. 11, 1976

Can't Protect Those Birds!

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